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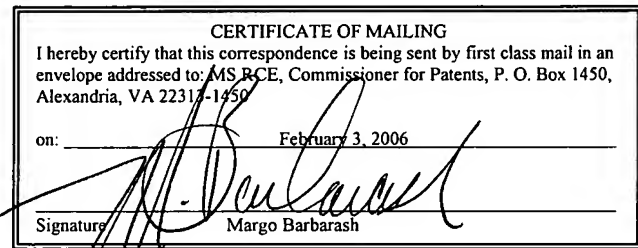
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For: INTEGRATED RESISTIVE ELEMENTS WITH SILICIDATION PROTECTION (as amended)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 3, 2005, and in connection with the concurrent filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please consider the following claims and Remarks: